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Appellant: Mark A. Hoffman et al.
Application No: 09/981,248
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Hearing Date: Thursday, August 14, 2008
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